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August 19, 1986

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Science and Technology
THROUGH: Director of Logistics
FROM:
Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
SUBJECT: Purchase of Staff Housing-Swaziland
REFERENCE: FBIS/Mbabane 14523

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1. Request authorization for FBIS to purchase a staff house in Swaziland through FBO for \$50,000 as outlined in the reference. The house will be occupied immediately pending renovations by the incumbent of the new editorial position. Presently leased and government provided housing is unavailable, and this is the first suitable house the bureau has been able to locate after surveying the market for seven months. Fiscal year 86 funding will be made available for this purchase.

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APPROVALS:

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TO: PRIORITY FBIS.

SUBJECT: HOUSE PURCHASE

REF: FBIS 22445

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1. I HAVE FOUND A HOUSE FOR OUR NEW EDITOR. IT HAS 3 BEDROOMS PLUS DEN, 2 BATHS, LIVING ROOM, DINING ROOM, LAUNDRY ROOM, STORAGE AREA, SERVANTS QUARTERS AND 2-CAR GARAGE, IN THE AREA OF THE DEPUTY CHIEF'S HOUSE AND WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE OF MY HOUSE. IT HAS A LARGE YARD, WITH PRIVACY FENCE, PAVED DRIVEWAY AND WELL-KEPT GARDEN. IT IS ABOUT 13 YEARS OLD, IN QUITE GOOD SHAPE, AND HAS A PLEASANT AIRY FEEL TO IT, WITH A BEAUTIFUL VIEW. IN SHORT, IT IS QUITE SUITABLE FOR AN AMERICAN IN MBABANE.

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2. AMY AND I HAVE TOURED THE HOUSE TWICE, [REDACTED] ONCE. WE HAVE LOOKED AT A FEW OTHER HOUSES AND FOUND THEM ALL UNACCEPTABLE (THE MARKET IS VERY SLOW RIGHT NOW, WITH FEW HOUSES UP FOR SALE). THIS HOUSE, AND THE HOUSE SUE FOUND IN MARCH (SINCE WITHDRAWN FROM THE MARKET) ARE THE ONLY TWO SUITABLE HOUSES THE BUREAU HAS FOUND IN 7 MONTHS OF SEARCHING.

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3. ADVANTAGES: IT IS SUITABLE FOR A SINGLE OR FAMILY WITH SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN. IT IS VISIBLY SOUND, HAS GOOD PLUMBING, IS VERY PLEASANT, AND ROOMY BUT NOT HUGE. IT IS LOCATED NEAR TWO OTHER STAFF HOUSES, INCREASING THE SHARED SECURITY IN THE AREA. DISADVANTAGES: IT HAS ONLY A METAL SPIRAL STAIRCASE TO THE UPSTAIRS BEDROOMS, FINE FOR OLDER PEOPLE BUT NOT FOR TODDLERS. NEEDED IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDE A SECURITY GATE, GUARDHOUSE, SECURITY LIGHTS, WINDOW BARS ON THE LOWER FLOOR, AND AN INCREASED CAPACITY ELECTRICAL CIRCUIT PANEL FOR THE INCREASED UTILITIES (ALL OF WHICH WOULD NO DOUBT BE NEEDED FOR ANY HOUSE WE FIND).

4. PRICE IS 130,000 EMALINGENI, ABOUT 450E AT TODAY'S EXCHANGE.

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RATE OF 2.6. I HAVE BEEN WORKING THROUGH AN ESTATE AGENT WHO CAN
HANDLE THE NECESSARY SURVEYS, BUT WOULD RECOMMEND HIRING A LEGAL
25X1 FIRM [REDACTED] USED ROBINSON, BERTRAM AND CO.) TO HANDLE THE TITLE
SEARCH, DEED REGISTRATION, ETC. I NEED TO KNOW WHAT SURVEYS, ETC
ARE NEEDED BY U.S. REGULATIONS.

5. HOUSE COULD BE OCCUPIED IN 3-4 MONTHS. STANDARD TERMS HERE
ARE 10 PERCENT DEPOSIT, REMAINDER ON TRANSFER OF TITLE (AT END OF
BUYING PROCESS). IF YOU CAN GET THE MONEY AND WANT ME TO GO AHEAD
WITH THIS HOUSE (WHICH I STRONGLY RECOMMEND) I WILL NEED APPROVAL
TO MAKE A VERBAL COMMITMENT TO BUY, FOLLOWED BY A DEPOSIT CHECK

25X1 [REDACTED] REFUNDABLE
UNTIL THE TITLE IS LEGALLY TRANSFERRED. TITLE TRANSFER PROBABLY
COULD NOT OCCUR THIS FY, BUT DEPOSIT WOULD HAVE TO BE IN 86.
DO NOT KNOW IF REMAINDER OF PURCHASE PRICE WOULD BE 86 OR
87 FUNDS, WHEN WE OBLIGATE THE PURCHASE IN 86 BUT TAKE TITLE
AND OCCUPANCY IN 87. PLS ADVISE YOUR APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL,
25X1 AUTHORITIES NEEDED (RE&CD?). AND WHAT FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS
ARE TO BE MADE. [REDACTED] ALL CONFIDENTIAL.

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